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## Today in History on 11 SEP

### ➤ 1961 - World Wildlife Fund founded.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) was founded in 1961. It was founded in 1961 in Morges, Switzerland with the aim of preserving nature and reducing threats to the diversity of life on Earth. The WWF logo (panda) was designed by renowned environmentalist Sir Peter Scott. Instead of a single founder of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), it was founded in 1961 by a group of 16 prominent conservationists such as Sir Julian Huxley, Sir Peter Scott, Prince Bernhard. They laid the foundation of WWF by signing the Morges Manifesto.



### ➤ 1941 - Construction of the Pentagon, the US Defense Ministry, began.

The construction of the Pentagon began in 1941. On September 11, 1941, the groundbreaking ceremony for the US Army headquarters in Arlington, Virginia was held. This huge five-sided building was built to meet the needs of World War II, and was completed

by January 1943. It was built to meet the US Army's need for a large and permanent headquarters during World War II.



### ➤ 1919 - US Navy invaded Honduras.

US troops were inserted into Honduras in 1919 as part of the Banana Wars, a series of interventions to protect American economic interests, including those of the United Fruit Company. This specific 1919 intervention aimed to influence the upcoming presidential elections and ensure the stability required for these companies to operate, according to a State Department document.





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### ➤ 1996 - First time a woman was elected as Speaker of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

On 11 September 1996, for the first time a woman was elected as Speaker of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). This was a significant event, since then many more women have become Speakers of Parliament in different countries. This marked an important step towards women empowerment and showed that women can also make significant contributions in leadership roles.

system in the assertion of the rule of law, independence of the judiciary and party plurality. On 13 February 2011, the constitution was suspended following the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak as a result of the Egyptian revolution of 2011.



### Important NEWS on 11 SEP



### ➤ Army's Operation Rahat Rescues 6,000 in Flood-Hit North

The Indian Army's Western Command is spearheading large-scale Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations under Operation Rahat, after severe floods struck Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir. In just two weeks, the Army has evacuated over 6,000 people, provided medical aid to 13,000 citizens, and delivered 48 tons of essential supplies to affected communities.

### ➤ 1971 - Constitution adopted in Egypt.

The Constitution of the Arab Republic of Egypt was the former constitution of Egypt. It was adopted through a public referendum on 11 September 1971. It was later amended in 1980, 2005 and 2007. It was declared to update the democratic representative







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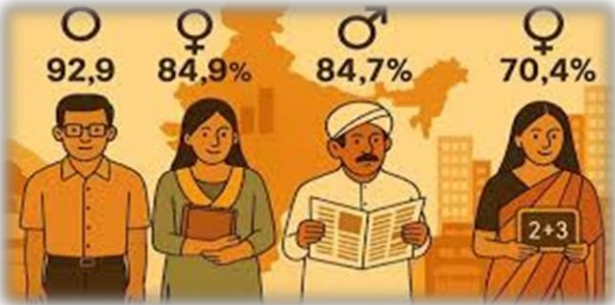


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#### ➤ India's Literacy Rate Rises to 80.9% in 2023-24

India has achieved a significant literacy milestone, with its national literacy rate rising from 74% in 2011 to 80.9% in 2023-24, as announced by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan during a virtual address on International Literacy Day 2025. However, the Minister stressed that true literacy goes beyond statistics—it must translate into empowerment, dignity, and self-reliance for every citizen.



#### ➤ CP Radhakrishnan Elected as India's 15th Vice President

On September, 2025, CP Radhakrishnan, the former Tamil Nadu BJP president and Maharashtra Governor, was elected as the 15th Vice President of India, defeating opposition candidate B Sudershan Reddy, a senior advocate and former Supreme Court judge. The election witnessed a high turnout of 98.3%, showcasing the unity and participation of parliamentarians.



#### ➤ François Bayrou Ousted as French Prime Minister After Confidence Vote Defeat

France has been plunged into fresh political turmoil after Prime Minister François Bayrou lost a parliamentary confidence vote on September 2025. With just 194 MPs supporting him and 364 voting against, Bayrou's resignation marks the collapse of Emmanuel Macron's fragile minority government, making this the second PM to fall in less than a year.





#### ➤ India, Israel Ink Bilateral Investment Agreement

In a move to deepen their economic ties, India and Israel signed a Bilateral Investment Agreement in New Delhi aimed at boosting mutual investments, enhancing investor protection, and strengthening cooperation in technology, cybersecurity, and financial innovation. The pact was signed by India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Israel's Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich.



#### ➤ Alia Bhatt Becomes Global Brand Ambassador for Levi's

In a move that blends global fashion influence with cultural resonance, Levi's has announced Bollywood

star Alia Bhatt as its new global brand ambassador. This collaboration is not just about celebrity endorsement but marks a strategic shift in denim fashion, reflecting how younger generations want to express themselves through style-led and comfort-first fits.



#### ➤ 100 years of the Self-Respect Movement

The year 2025 marks the centenary of the Self-Respect Movement, which began in 1925 in Tamil Nadu. Social reformer E V Ramasamy formally launched the movement through the Tamil weekly Kudi Arasu. It aims to eradicate the caste system, encourage rational thinking, and oppose the dominance of Brahminical traditions. Its objectives were outlined in two pamphlets - Namathu Kurikkol and Tiravitak Kalaka Lateiyam. Two prominent female leaders of the movement were Annai Meenambal and Veeramal.





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### Current affairs MCQS on 11 SEP

**Q.1. Where was the 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO-2025) held recently?**

- a) Australia
- b) Japan
- c) Indonesia
- d) China

**Answer: d) China**

Recently, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology felicitated the winners of the 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO-2025) held in Jining, China. Team India won 7 medals – 1 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze – and the third prize in the International Geoscience Youth Movement (I-GYM) Reporter category. IESO was established in 2003 by the International Geoscience Education Organization (IGEO). It is an annual competition for class 9-12 students across the world to promote earth science awareness through teamwork and exchange of ideas. India has been participating in it





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since 2007 and hosted its 10th edition in Mysore in 2013.

**Q.2. Which state has recently become the fifth state/union territory (UT) to achieve full functional literacy?**

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Lakshadweep
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Manipur

**Answer: a) Himachal Pradesh**

The Ministry of Education celebrated International Literacy Day (ILD) 2025 in New Delhi with the theme "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Age". Himachal Pradesh became the fifth State/Union Territory (UT) to achieve full functional literacy after Tripura, Mizoram, Goa and Ladakh. The Ullas New India Literacy Programme has increased India's literacy rate from 74% in 2011 to 80.9% in 2023-24. The programme has enrolled over three crore learners, mobilised 42 lakh volunteers and assessed basic literacy and numeracy of 1.83 crore learners.

**Q.3. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NHPC Limited recently?**

- a) Raj Kumar Chaudhary
- b) R. K. Singh
- c) Bhupender Gupta
- d) Alka Mittal

**Answer: c) Bhupender Gupta**

Shri Bhupendra Gupta assumed charge as Chairman & Managing Director of NHPC Limited, India's leading hydropower company and a 'Navratna' Enterprise of Govt. of India, at the Corporate Headquarter in Faridabad. Prior to joining NHPC, he was working as Director (Technical) in THDC India Limited. Shri Gupta is also holding the additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN Limited.

**Q.4. Who won the US Open 2025 (men's singles) title recently?**

- a) Carlos Alcaraz

- b) Jannik Sinner
- c) Novak Djokovic
- d) Daniil Medvedev

**Answer: a) Carlos Alcaraz**

The last Grand Slam on the tennis calendar, the US Open 2025, concluded with thrilling contests, record-breaking performances and emotional victories. Held at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York, the tournament proved once again that it is one of the most prestigious sporting events in the world. This year's edition saw Carlos Alcaraz reassert his dominance, Aryna Sabalenka make history by winning her second consecutive title, and exciting results were also seen in the doubles and mixed doubles.

**Q.5. Which country recently won the Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2025 title?**

- a) India
- b) South Korea
- c) Malaysia
- d) Pakistan

**Answer: a) India**

India won the Asia Cup Hockey 2025 by defeating South Korea 4-1 in the final. This is India's fourth Asia Cup title and first in eight years. With this win, India also secured a place in the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup to be held in the Netherlands and Belgium. Malaysia finished third by defeating China 4-1.

**Q.6. Who recently won the US Open 2025 women's singles title?**

- a) Iga Swiatek
- b) Amanda Anisimova
- c) Aryna Sabalenka
- d) Elena Rybakina

**Answer: c) Aryna Sabalenka**

Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus created history in the women's singles final played at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York. She defeated Amanda Anisimova of the US 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) to win her second consecutive US Open title. With this feat, she became the first female







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player to successfully defend the title at Flushing Meadows after Serena Williams (2014).

**Q.7. The Ratle Hydroelectric Project, which was in the news recently due to a landslide, is located in which state/union territory?**

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Assam
- d) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: a) Jammu and Kashmir**

Five people were injured in a recent landslide at the Ratle Hydroelectric Project in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir. It is a 850 MW run-of-river hydropower plant located on the Chenab river. The project is being developed by Ratle Hydroelectric Corporation (RHPCL), a joint venture of Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC) and National Hydroelectric Corporation (NHPC). National Hydroelectric Corporation (NHPC) has a 51% stake in it and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC) has a 49% stake.

**Q.8. Recently, 102-year-old Kokichi Akuzawa entered the Guinness World Record for which achievement?**

- a) Oldest person to run a marathon
- b) Oldest man to climb Mount Fuji
- c) Oldest person to cross a lake
- d) Oldest man to skydive

**Answer: b) Oldest man to climb Mount Fuji**

Japanese man Kokichi Akuzawa became the oldest person to reach the summit of Mount Fuji at the age of 102. For this achievement, he has been given the title of 'oldest male mountaineer' by the Guinness Book of World Records.

**Q.9. Who is the author of the recently published memoir Mother Mary Comes to Me?**

- a) Arundhati Roy
- b) Jeet Thayil
- c) Kiran Desai

d) Jhumpa Lahiri

**Answer: a) Arundhati Roy**

Arundhati Roy, best known for her Booker Prize-winning novel "The God of Small Things", returns in the year 2025 with a deeply personal memoir, "Mother Mary Comes to Me". Published in 2025, this 374-page masterpiece is as poetic as it is bold. In it, Roy offers an intimate account of her lifelong relationship with her mother Mary Roy, a noted educationist and a strong advocate for women's rights. This honest memoir not only exposes the emotional wounds and strained mother-daughter relationship, but also shows how suffering and brilliance can coexist in the same person and how this shaped Roy as a writer and a human being.

**Q.10. Who recently won the US Open 2025 men's singles title?**

- a) Carlos Alcaraz
- b) Novak Djokovic
- c) Jannik Sinner
- d) Daniil Medvedev

**Answer: a) Carlos Alcaraz**

At just 22 years old, Spanish tennis star Carlos Alcaraz continues to make history. He defeated his arch-rival Jannik Sinner 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 in the US Open 2025 men's singles final played at Flushing Meadows, New York.

**Q.11. Recently, which Bollywood actress has been appointed as the new global brand ambassador of Levi's?**

- a) Deepika Padukone
- b) Katrina Kaif
- c) Alia Bhatt
- d) Anushka Sharma

**Answer: c) Alia Bhatt**

In a move that blends global fashion influence and cultural resonance, Levi's has announced Bollywood star Alia Bhatt as its new global brand ambassador. The collaboration is not just limited to celebrity endorsement but marks a strategic shift in denim fashion that reflects how the younger generation





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wants to express themselves through style-led and comfort-led fits.

**Q.12. INS Kadmatt recently participated in the 50th Independence Day celebrations of which country?**

- a) Fiji
- b) Papua New Guinea
- c) Indonesia
- d) Australia

**Answer: b) Papua New Guinea**

Recently, the Indian Navy Band participated in the grand Military Tattoo Ceremony held at Port Moresby during the 50th Independence Day celebrations of Papua New Guinea. Papua New Guinea is an island nation of Oceania in the south-western Pacific Ocean. It shares its western border with Indonesia. It is bordered by Australia to its south and Solomon Islands to its south-east. It is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, Bismarck Sea, Solomon Sea, Coral Sea, Torres Strait and Gulf of Papua. The event reflects India's growing cultural and defence ties with the Pacific island nations.

**Q.13. Recently, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba resigned in September 2025 due to which reason?**

- a) Health reasons
- b) Dispute over Japan-US trade agreement
- c) Historic electoral defeat in July 2025
- d) Personal differences with party leadership

**Answer: c) Historic electoral defeat in July 2025**

Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba announced he will step down after growing demands from his party to take responsibility for a historic defeat in July's parliamentary election. Mr Ishiba, who took office in October, has for more than a month resisted demands from right-wing opponents, mostly from his own party, saying such a move would create a political vacuum at a time when Japan faces major challenges inside and outside the country.

**Q.14. Recently, the Ministry of Agriculture has approved how many new varieties of potatoes developed by CPRI Shimla?**

- a) 4
- b) 3
- c) 5
- d) 2

**Answer: a) 4**

Four new varieties of potatoes developed by Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Shimla will increase the income of farmers along with production. All these varieties of potatoes also have a very high storage capacity. Four new varieties of potatoes, Kufri Ratan, Kufri Chip Bharat-1, Kufri Chip Bharat-2 and Kufri Tejas have been notified by the Agriculture Ministry after approval. These seeds will be available in 15 states of the country, Haryana, Punjab, plains of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar, Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

**Q.15. Recently, India won its first gold medal in the men's compound team event at the World Archery Championship by defeating which country?**

- a) Netherlands
- b) France
- c) South Korea
- d) USA

**Answer: b) France**

India created history by winning its first gold medal in archery in the men's compound team event at the World Archery Championships held in Gwangju, South Korea. The Indian trio of Rishabh Yadav, Aman Saini and Prathamesh Phuge defeated France 235-233 in a thrilling final to register a historic achievement for Indian compound archery.







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